

Government of Andhra Pradesh
Abstract

Village Administration - Inclusion of ten (10) years Part time service of 1733 Village Administrative Officer's for counting for the purpose of qualifying service for pensionary benefits- Orders- Issued.

Revenue (Ser.III) Department

G.O.MS.No. 388

Dated:-20.11.2014,
Read the following

1. From the CCLA, Hyderabad, Lr.No.A2/621/13, dt.06.06.2013.
2. Govt.Memo.No.28496/VA.1/2013, dt.07.10.2013.
3. From the CCLA, Hyd, Lr.No.A2/621/2013, dt.21.12.2013.
4. Govt.Memo.No.28496/Ser.III/2013, dt.19.07.2014.
5. From the CCLA, A.P., Hyd, Lr.No.A2/621/2013, dt.07.08.2014.
6. From the President, A.P. Revenue Services Association, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, representation dt. 21-07-2014.
7. From the President/Genl.Secy., Village Revenue Officer's Welfare Association, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, representation, dt.19-07-14.

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ORDER:

The system of Village Officers was in existence from British time and the same was abolished on 06.01.1984 vide the Part-time Employees Abolition Act, 1985. On 11.09.1985, a new system called Village Assistants System was introduced replacing the Village Officer's System. The Post of Village Assistant was a whole time Government Service. Further, on 07.11.1990, Government introduced Village Administrative Officer's (VAOs) system replacing Village Assistant's System by creating 20,000 VAO posts in the State. The post of VAO was a Part-time one and was paid honorarium.

2. Further, in G.O.Ms.No.369, PR & RD (Mdl.II) Department, dt.12.12.2001, Government have created the post of Panchayat Secretary in each Gram Panchayat combining in the Revenue and Panchayat functions. The erstwhile Village Administrative Officer's who were attending the Revenue functions at Village level and were having Intermediate and SSC qualifications and below 58 years age were absorbed as Panchayat Secretaries by giving regular scale of pay as per the qualifications. In the above said G.O, it was ordered that the past service of the Village Administrative Officer's would not be considered for the purpose of pension or any other benefits. As such, the erstwhile Village Administrative Officer's who were absorbed as Panchayat Secretaries vide G.O.Ms.No.369, PR & RD (Mdl.II) Department dt.12.12.2001 were eligible for pensionary benefits w.e.f. 01.01.2002 as per the orders issued from time to time.

3. Subsequently, Government proposed to strengthen the Revenue Administration at Village level. Accordingly, in the G.O.Ms.No.1950, Revenue (VA.I) Department, dt.30.12.2000, orders were issued creating Revenue functionary at Village level under the exclusive administrative control of the Mandal Revenue Officer to handle the work relating to land Revenue matter at the Village level. Further, in G.O.Ms.No.105, Revenue (VA.I) Department, dt.31.01.2007, 6752 erstwhile Village Administrative Officers working as Panchayat

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Secretaries under the control of MPDOs in PR & RD Department were transferred and brought under the control of Tahsildars in Revenue Department with effect from 08.02.2007. The said revenue functionary is called Village Revenue Officer.

4. The Village Revenue Officer's Welfare Associations have requested to consider their past Village Administrative Officer's service rendered from 1992 till their joining as Panchayat Secretary in the year 2002 (ten years) for the purpose of qualifying service for counting pensionary benefits as per the directions of the APAT in different OAs filed by the Village Revenue Officer's as most of Village Revenue Officer's were retiring without fulfilling minimum qualifying service for pension. The APAT in O.A.No.33435/2010, dt.12.10.2012 has directed the respondents to consider the request by counting 10 years of Village Administrative Officer's service for the purpose of commutation of pensionary benefits by taking into consideration the orders of the APAT in O.A.No.2992/2008, dt.23.06.1999.

5. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad in his letters 1st & 3rd read above has submitted proposals in the matter. Further, in view of the State bifurcation, the CCLA, A.P., Hyderabad in her letter 5th read above, has submitted revised proposals for considering the request of the Village Revenue Officer's Welfare Association to include ten (10) years of their past service in respect of 1733 Village Administrative Officer's for counting for the purpose of qualifying service for pensionary benefits.

6. Government have examined and felt that the 8th Schedule of the Re-organization Act (6 of 2014) deals with apportionment of the liability in respect of pensioners who retired before the appointed day i.e., 02.06.2014, between the successor States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on the basis of population. In this case, the proposal is for including / allowing the past service rendered as Village Administrative Officer's on honorarium basis prior to their absorption as Panchayat Secretaries as per G.O.Ms.No.369, PR&RD (Mdl.II) Deptt., dt.12.12.2001, for the purpose of qualifying for pensionary benefits. Hence, the liability in this proposal would be completely taken over by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and need not be apportioned between the two States and shall be treated as a case outside the purview of 8th schedule of Andhra Pradesh Re-organization Act 2014.

7. Government after careful examination of the proposals have decided to consider the request of the Village Revenue Officer's Welfare Association to include ten (10) years of Part time service in respect of 1733 Village Administrative Officer's for the purpose of qualifying service for pensionary benefits.

8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, shall take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (EBS-VIII) Department, vide their U.O.No. 1699/268/A1/HRM-VI/2014 dt.18.11.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.SINGH,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad

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